

3 December 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Legislative Interdepartmental Group Meeting -
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1. On Tuesday, 3 December 1974, I attended a meeting of the Legislative Interdepartmental Group in the Roosevelt Room of the White House from 1030 hours until approximately 1145 hours. Bill Timmons chaired the meeting which was on the subject of Foreign Assistance legislation. Those present were:

White House

Tom Korologos
Max Friedersdorf

AID

Matt Harvey

NSC

Bud McFarlane
Richard Kennedy
Col. Clinton Granger
Susan Schiffer

DOD

John Maury
Donald Floyd

USIA

Edward Hildago

State Department

Jim Michael
Carlyle Maw
Sam Goldberg

OMB

Donald Ogilvie
Harry Shaw

Capitol Hill

Everett Bierman

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Bud McFarlane of the NSC staff that Justice be at the meeting, but there was no representative there.)

5. The group then considered the possibility of a letter from the White House on this section. After some discussion, it was a general consensus that the language of the Hughes amendment, i. e., section 25, was probably the least distasteful of the possible alternatives and that attacking this section on the floor could result in an even more restrictive provision. Korologos asked me if I would have the Director call Senator Humphrey to urge him to hold the line in conference on the language of the Senate section, and I told him that I would. I have since passed this message on to the Director. It would seem best to wait, however, and see what language comes out of the House before making this call to Senator Humphrey. Korologos went over the list of the senators who were doubtful supporters of the bill and various representatives volunteered to contact senators whom they thought they could bring around. Needless to say, I was not a volunteer in this exercise.

6. In summary, Korologos said that the Administration wants a foreign aid bill, not a continuing resolution, but said that at some point there is a "choke point." He said it would probably boil down to a matter of getting the best they could in each house and taking their chances on conference if they couldn't accept the measure then, that would be the time to beat the bill down.



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